



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Kohala by the Sea, a Firewise Community

WHEREAS, Kohala by the Sea, a Firewise community, in 2004 began actively reducing wildfire risk by removing flammable vegetation such as bunchgrass, *keawe* trees, and *haole koa* brush within the community; and

WHEREAS, Kohala by the Sea, a Firewise community, established strict design rules that require homebuilders to use fire-resistant roofing, stucco, and other fire-resistant building materials, and to landscape more than one-fifth of each individual property to mitigate fire risk in this region that receives fewer than ten inches of rainfall annually; and

WHEREAS, Kohala by the Sea, a Firewise community, complies each year with plans formulated by the Firewise committee to purchase and maintain firefighting equipment and tools, remove and chip fire-prone vegetation, develop emergency evacuation plans, and construct alternative emergency egress; and

WHEREAS, Kohala by the Sea, a Firewise community, by consistently meeting all requirements for ten consecutive years, is the only community in Hawai'i to achieve national recognition from the Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program for its diligent and collaborative efforts to prepare and protect homes against the threat of wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2013, as

“KOHALA BY THE SEA, A FIREWISE COMMUNITY, DAY”

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the example of neighborly collaboration set by this community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of November, 2013.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i